(c) the reasons for not replying the remaining letters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c). Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Sabha.

[*Translation*]

Setting up of National Zoological Park Authority

3371. SHRI RAJVEER SINGH:
DR. LAL BAHADUR RAWAL:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to establish a National Zoological Park Authority in Bareilly of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be completed and the expenditure to be incurred thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

[*English*]

Conversion of Quilon-Sengottai Line

3372. SHRI KODIKKUNIL SURESH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to convent Quilon-Sengottai-Madras line into broad-gauge; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b). Gauge conversion of Madras-Dindigul has been included in the 1st phase of the Action Plan launched by the railways for gauge conversion of selected metre gauge line to broad gauge to move towards unigauge in the country. Construction of parallel BG line on Dindigul-Madurai and conversion of Madurai-Virudhunagar is already in progress. Conversion of Virudhunagar-Sengottai-Quilon will be considered along with other MG lines when taking up the 2nd phase of the Action Plan.

Supply of Medicines in Government Hospitals

3373. SHRI M. RAMANNA RAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the supply of medicines in Government hospitals has been stopped;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the remedial steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

More Trains on Howrah-Delhi Route

3374. SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a few trains running on Howrah-Delhi route have been with drawn;

(b) if so, the names of these trains;

(c) whether there is a long standing demand to introduce more trains on the pattern of Rajdhani Express on the route;

(d) if so, when it is likely to introduced; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b). 3039/3040 Howrah-Delhi Janata Express (between Howrah and Mughalsarai), 3049/3050 Howrah-Amritsar Express (between Jhajha and Amritsar), 2403/2404 Kanpur-Varanasi Shramik Express, 4017/4018 Allahabad-Ambala Unchahar Express, 3025/3026 Howrah-Muzaffarpur North-Bihar Weekly Express, 5049/5050 Howrah-Gorakhpur Weekly Express, 2181/2182 Howrah-Agra Cantt. Chambal Weekly Express have been temporarily withdrawn and will be restored during April, 1992.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) There is no proposal at present to introduce the train.

(e) Due to operational and resource constraints.

Reservation of SC/ST In Rites

3375. SHRI DHARAMPAL SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of projects allotted to Rail India Technical and Economic Services abroad during the last three years;

(b) whether the reservation policy in respect of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes has been implemented by this organisation;

(c) if so, the percentage there of particularly for the categories of Jnior Engineers and Assistant Managers; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) 28 contracts have been secured abroad during the last three years.

(b) to (d). Implementation of the reservation policy in respect of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes is a continuous process and is being effected in RITES in all the groups of employees. In the category of junior Engineers the representation of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes is 13.4% and 3.65% respectively. In the category of Assistance Engineers the percentage is 7.4% and 0.34%, respectively. The non-availability of qualified candidates in specialised technical disciplines like hydrogeologist, Mechanical Engineer, Transport planner from amongst reserved candidates has caused the under representation which is being sought to be normalised by special recruitment drives.

Introduction of New Trains

3376. SHRI G. M. C. BALAYOGI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are proposals to introduce new long distance super fast trains to Andhra Pradesh from Various parts of the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b). The following long distance superfast trains serving the State of Andhra Pradesh are proposed to be introduced w. f. 1.7.92: